



Minutes

Friday, September 20, 2013

1:00 pm

Pine Room – District Municipality of Muskoka
70 Pine Street, Bracebridge

Present

Patricia Arney (Chair)	Shane Baker	Margaret Casey
Louise Cragg	Lou Guerriero	Gord Henderson
Jack Hepworth	Caroline Konarzewski	Richard Lammers
Jan McDonnell	Brian McElwain	Rob Milligan
Geoff Ross	Peter Seybold	Debbie Vernon

Regrets

Scott Aitchison	Nic Bell	Lola Bratty
John Cooper	George Crawford	Patsy Cross
Piret Hurrell	Neil Hutchinson	Steve Inniss
Anna Mallin	Don McVittie	Greg Mierle
Steve Munro	Ruth Nishikawa	Michael Peppard
Peter Sale	Al Shaw	Paul Stueck
Ian Turnbull	Paul Wiancko	Scott Young

Staff

Judi Brouse	Rebecca Willison	Samantha Hastings
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Guests

Angie Corson	David Bywater
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Welcome

Patricia Arney called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm by welcoming everyone to a new session of MWC.

Confirmation of Minutes

MOTION by Margaret Casey, seconded by Geoff Ross

THAT the minutes of the Muskoka Watershed Council meeting dated June 21, 2013 be approved.

CARRIED

Correspondence

- Amendment to the Algonquin Park Management Plan, Ontario Parks
- Experimental Lakes Area – An email from the Premier of Ontario
- Letter from MNR confirming their intention to remain represented on MWC. Leeanne Leduc will replace Jan McDonnell.

Presentations

[State of the Bay \(2013 Georgian Bay Report Card\)](#) – David Bywater, Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve
David asked for feedback on the report from the Council.

Patricia thanked David and congratulated him on the development of a very informative and attractive document.

[FMW and MWC Promotional Video](#) – Geoff Ross, Muskoka Watershed Council

Geoff provided a summary of the development of a promotional video for MWC and FMW.

Chair's Items

- New MWC/FMW office location is at 16 Robert Boyer Lane.
- FMW membership – Join online at www.muskokawatershed.org.
- Member Bios for Website – send to Rebecca at rwillison@muskokawatershed.org.
- Mary McCulley has resigned from MWC.
- MNR Reorganization
- Patricia will be attending workshops on non-profit governance and fundraising.
- [2013/2014 Meeting Schedule](#)

Activity Report

- *September 2013 Activity Report* – was distributed with the agenda and reviewed at the meeting.
 - Executive – The Committee discussed seeking sponsorship for the Report Card. Revised Operating Procedures will be brought to MWC once they have been reviewed by the Executive Committee.
 - Policy & Research – A summary of the biodiversity report has been drafted and will be posted on the MWC website. The review of the Power Generation Position Paper is nearing completion. A Forest Health Position Paper and a Sustainable Development Position Paper are being initiated and volunteers are needed to work on them. The Planning for the Environment Handbook has been drafted and is being reviewed by Committee members.
 - Strategic Directions – The Committee continues to focus on the development of the Report Card. Judi Brouse gave a presentation on the [water component](#) of the Report Card.

Updates and New Business

- Love Your Lake program – A draft copy of the report that goes to property owners was shown. We have also received DFO funding through the program to carry out shoreline restoration projects on Peninsula Lake and Leonard Lake.
- Muskoka Summit on the Environment – Title is Environment vs Economy: Resolving the Dichotomy. May 8-9, 2014 at Rene Caisse Theatre. Robert Bateman will be the keynote speaker. Paul Kennedy will moderate the panel discussion for the CBC show Ideas.
- Dark Sky event at the Gravenhurst Opera House October 5th with Terrence Dickinson.
- National Forestry Week – October 22-28, 2013.
- Great Muskoka Paddling Experience – October 12th at Annie Williams Park.
- Member Organizations Update
 - Brian McElwain has replaced Peter Seybold as the MLA representative on MWC. Peter will remain a member of MWC. MLA is working to compile algae data from their membership.

Next MWC Meeting

Friday, October 18, 2013 beginning at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers at the District of Muskoka Administration Building.

Adjournment

Patricia Arney adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.



**MWC Meeting Schedule
October 2013 to May 2014**

Month	Day	Time	Meeting	Location
October	11	10 am	Strategic Directions	Oak Room
	18	10 am	Policy & Research	Oak Room
	18	1 pm	MWC	Council Chambers
November	08	10 am	Strategic Directions	Oak Room
	08	1 pm	Executive	Oak Room
	22	10 am	Policy & Research	Birch Room
	22	1 pm	MWC	Pine Room
December	06	10 am	Strategic Directions	Birch Room
January	10	10 am	Strategic Directions	Birch Room
	10	1 pm	Executive	Birch Room
	24	10 am	Policy & Research	Birch Room
	24	1 pm	MWC	Council Chambers
February	07	10 am	Strategic Directions	Birch Room
	21	10 am	Policy & Research	Birch Room
	21	1 pm	MWC	Council Chambers
March	07	10 am	Strategic Directions	Birch Room
	07	1 pm	Executive	Birch Room
	21	10 am	Policy & Research	Birch Room
	21	1 pm	MWC	Council Chambers
April	04	10 am	Strategic Directions	Birch Room
	18	10 am	Policy & Research	Birch Room
	18	1 pm	MWC	Council Chambers
May	02	10 am	Strategic Directions	Birch Room
	02	1 pm	Executive	Birch Room
	23	10 am	Policy & Research	Birch Room
	23	1 pm	MWC	Council Chambers